

## **RIMPAC 2012 - Capable, Adaptive Partners**

## Brigadier-General Hood M.J., CD Combined Forces Air Component Commander Deputy Director General International Security Policy

Brigadier-General Michael Hood began his military career in the Infantry as a Guardsman with the Canadian Grenadier Guards before enrolling in the Regular Force and receiving his Air Combat Systems Officer Wings in 1988. Most of his subsequent flying career was spent in the Tactical Airlift role on the mighty CC130 Hercules, as well as a tour as an Electronic Warfare Officer on the T-33 and CE-144 Challenger.

Brigadier-General Hood was previously the Commanding Officer of both 429 and 436 Tactical Airlift Squadrons and served as the Commander of 8 Wing Trenton from 2007-2009.

His staff tours include Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General, a member of the Directing Staff at the United States Air Force Command and Staff College, desk officer within J3 International in the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff Group, as well as the J5 Plans upon the stand-up of Canadian Expeditionary Force Command



Headquarters in January 2006. Following an assignment as Director General Air Force Development, he was appointed into his present position as Deputy Director General of International Security Policy in June 2011.

Brigadier-General Hood is a graduate of Canada's National Security Program as well as the United States Air Force Command and Staff College, and holds a Master's Degree in International Relations from Auburn University in Alabama. In his spare time, he plods along as a middle-of-the-pack age-grouper in triathlon.